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For: FEATURE BASED CONFIGURATION PROFILES AND ALARM  
PROVISIONING FOR SONET NETWORKS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated December 8, 2004,  
the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-  
identified application.

This Reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.